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W. L. Garrison Esq

Dear Sir

I was gratified by the notice in the Paper, that <sup>you</sup> were in the process of compiling the history of the Abolition of American-slavery. Such a work, true to the facts, instinct with the spirit of justice to MAK will be a precious boon to our country & the Nations. You have all the requisites to make it a permanent power in aid of a Christian-civilization.

The generous indications of personal sympathy, in your behalf, you have the full right to receive as a healing balm applied to <sup>wounds under</sup> the severe treatment you so long received from misguided assailants. Here are the Reformers who have, in their life time, yea even before ~~they~~ passing the period of vigorous manhood, shared like yourself, in a reaction of public sentiment so full of meaning. Please accept my personal congratulations, & my hope, & expectation that you will not cease from toil in the same direction - To secure for our Country the triumphs of a Christian Commonwealth is the work now to be done - Humanity & Justice to permeate all our civil & political relations

I deem it courteous in me, for although your Senior in  
years, this fact would <sup>not</sup> authorize me to address you in the  
attitude of an advisor, to offer you a suggestion, that  
in the proper place in your narrative, & in the proper  
manner there should be notice of the fact that the  
Oberlin College received, in 1839-40, in gold, 30,000  
Dollars in aid of its funds, through the agency of  
Wm Davies & John Keep, 47

I regard this donation as exactly that without  
which the College could not have, held on its way,  
to deserve or to command public confidence, & <sup>the</sup> aid indispensable.

We were then full 60,000 Dollars in debt - not  
able to award to our Professors even one half of what would  
give them the endurable supply for <sup>their</sup> families - & we had ex-  
hausted by our Solicitations to the <sup>the</sup> press & the patrons  
of our auxiliaries at home. 30 thousand Dollars of  
British Gold lifted us from bankruptcy, & so far revived  
public confidence in our movements, that we turned our  
back upon despair, & started on the ascent, till in due time  
we paid all our debts, & have since focused our efforts to  
be greeted by a smile of approval from our creditors - And you  
will know we Chestnites are <sup>now</sup> reckoned among folks, & the  
whole Educational Establishment <sup>is</sup> admitted to be even a  
leading, if not an indispensable power among the agencies  
necessary to purify & save our Christian Commonwealth.  
It is due to the Philanthropy of Britain & the contributors there  
that this gift should be mentioned in some permanent public  
record - is not the place for a history of the abolition of American  
Slavery.

So likewise should the people of  
 this ~~known~~ Country be apprised of  
 this foreign aid -

✓ a few leading men in the Society  
 of Friends were the efficient agents  
 who gave us success.

Should you desire it, if you will  
 tell me just the kind of statement  
 covering this matter you want, and  
 will inform me, I will, if the in-  
 firmities of age do not prevent  
 promptly send on to you a con-  
 cise statement, the whole or only  
 part of which <sup>you</sup> ~~can~~ use -

Should I do this, it ~~will~~ not be with  
 any expectation that courtesy will  
 require you to mention my name  
 my personal health is good - but I am  
 quite feebly now in my 88th year.

Please give me your reply soon -

It is not grow weary in well  
 doing -

Do you read Mr. Finney's articles on

True Masonry

With kind regards John H. K.

Keep June 18, 1868